

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia
Friday, February 3, 2006
Thirteenth Legislative Day

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 a.m. today and was called to order by the President.

Senator Thomas of the 54th reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

Senator Pearson of the 51st asked unanimous consent that Senator Balfour of the 9th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Balfour was excused.

Senator Jones of the 10th asked unanimous consent that Senator Thompson of the 5th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thompson was excused.

Senator Jones of the 10th asked unanimous consent that Senator Adelman of the 42nd be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Adelman was excused.

Senator Harbison of the 15th asked unanimous consent that Senator Hooks of the 14th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Hooks was excused.

Senator Carter of the 13th moved that the Senate reconsider its action in failing to give SR 655 a two-thirds Constitutional majority.

SR 655. By Senators Carter of the 13th, Harp of the 29th, Hamrick of the 30th, Kemp of the 46th, Chance of the 16th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Georgia so as to protect lottery funds so that they may be reserved only for the HOPE Scholarship Program and other tuition grants, scholarships, or loans to enable citizens of this state to attend colleges and universities within this state, for voluntary pre-kindergarten, and for educational shortfall reserves; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

On the motion, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
E Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	N Starr
N Brown	E Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
N Butler	Y Johnson	N Stoner

Y Cagle	N Jones	N Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	N Tate
Y Chance	Me V Bremen	Y Thomas,D
Y Chapman	N Miles	N Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Moody	E Thompson,C
Fort	Y Mullis	N Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
Y Golden	N Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
N Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	N Seay	N Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the motion, the yeas were 35, nays 14; the motion prevailed, and SR 655 was reconsidered and placed on the General Calendar.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Rivers, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the House:

HB 594. By Representatives Maxwell of the 17th, Hembree of the 67th, Heckstall of the 62nd, Murphy of the 23rd and Randall of the 138th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 17-6-30 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fees of sureties, so as to change the basis of the bondsmen's fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 692. By Representatives Black of the 174th, Hatfield of the 177th, Greene of the 149th, Sims of the 169th, Shaw of the 176th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state-wide probation

system, so as to change certain provisions relating to terms and conditions of probation; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1042. By Representatives Williams of the 4th, Dickson of the 6th and Forster of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual accounting periods, so as to provide for treatment of 52-53 week taxable years; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner; to provide for applicability; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1052. By Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Rice of the 51st and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for a distinguishable transporter license plate; to amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1059. By Representatives Keen of the 179th, Ralston of the 7th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Freeman of the 140th, Thomas of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 17, 35, and 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating respectively to crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, law enforcement officers and agencies, and penal institutions, so as to change provisions relating to sexual offenders; to change punishment provisions, registration requirements, and areas where certain offenders can reside as it affects sexual offenders; to change certain provisions relating to punishment of serious violent offenders and increase the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for certain offenses; to require persons convicted of certain sexual crimes to receive a mandatory split sentence including a minimum sentence of imprisonment; to reorganize and change provisions related to the State Sexual Offender Registry; to provide for other related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1080. By Representatives Golick of the 34th, Roberts of the 154th, Geisinger of the 48th, Freeman of the 140th, Chambers of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of income tax, so as to provide for an income tax credit with respect to qualified child and dependent care expenses; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner with respect to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1142. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the filling of vacancies in the office of sheriff of Seminole County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1143. By Representative Porter of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the board of education of the City of Dublin, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4970), as amended, so as to provide certain additional authority to the board with respect to real estate transactions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1155. By Representative Sims of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Coffee County, approved March 10, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2441), as amended, so as to provide for the selection of a chairperson and vice chairperson; to provide that such chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve terms of one year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The House has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following Resolution of the Senate:

SR 782. By Senators Johnson of the 1st, Williams of the 19th, Hill of the 4th, Douglas of the 17th, Harbison of the 15th and others:

A RESOLUTION calling a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of hearing a message from Major General William G. Webster, Jr.; and for other purposes.

The following Senate legislation was introduced, read the first time and referred to committee:

SB 506. By Senators Balfour of the 9th, Shafer of the 48th and Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and HOPE grants, so as to provide for a set amount for mandatory fees for HOPE scholarships and HOPE grants for eligible public postsecondary institutions created after January 1, 2004; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Higher Education Committee.

SB 507. By Senators Thomas of the 54th, Smith of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Hill of the 32nd, Goggans of the 7th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 34 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians for rural areas assistance, so as to revise the purpose of the chapter; to revise certain provisions regarding priority for certain specialties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 508. By Senators Tarver of the 22nd and Powell of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the City Court of Richmond County, now the State Court of Richmond County, approved September 22, 1881 (Ga. L. 1880-81, p. 574), as amended, so as to change the second division's jurisdiction to make the second division judge coequal with those judges of Division 1; to remove references to associate judge; to create a third division of the State Court of Richmond County; to provide for the judge

of the third division and the qualifications, election, duties, responsibilities, and compensation thereof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 509. By Senator Shafer of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide a short title; to provide for the determination by the Commissioner that the insurance market in this state is not functioning in a competitive manner; to provide for certain notice; to provide for certain filings regarding accident and sickness insurance following such notice; to require the Commissioner to approve certain filings and rate increases; to provide for applicability; to provide for rules and regulations concerning such filings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 510. By Senators Pearson of the 51st, Balfour of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 28th, Wiles of the 37th and Rogers of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservation and natural resources, so as to change certain provisions relating to minimum standards and procedures for protection of river corridors; to change certain provisions regarding minimum standards and procedures regarding river corridors; to provide for limitations with respect to certain stream buffers; to change certain provisions relating to uses to which provisions of certain river protection statutes are inapplicable; to change certain provisions relating to local regulation of land in drainage basins, enforcement where local regulation inadequate, and failure of governing authority to meet requirements; to change certain provisions relating to best management practices regarding land-disturbing activities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

SB 511. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Miles of the 43rd, Henson of the 41st, Moody of the 56th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to regulation of controlled substances, so as to present legislative findings; to define terms; to ban the sale

of marijuana or hemp flavored candy; to provide for penalties; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

SB 512. By Senators Pearson of the 51st, Seabaugh of the 28th, Balfour of the 9th, Kemp of the 46th and Williams of the 19th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 12-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources, the Environmental Advisory Council, duties of the council and its members and the director, procedure for aggrieved persons, and inspections, so as to change certain provisions relating to review and approval or denial of applications for certain permits or variances; to provide for applicability and effect; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

SB 513. By Senators Wiles of the 37th, Rogers of the 21st, Hill of the 32nd and Chapman of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to safe use of remote service terminals (ATMs), so as to require the use of 9-1-1 emergency call capability; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.

SB 514. By Senators Brown of the 26th, Golden of the 8th, Butler of the 55th, Adelman of the 42nd, Thompson of the 5th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and grants, so as to add definitions; to remove certain limitations on the amount of HOPE scholarships and grants; to remove maximum hour caps on HOPE grants; to provide for requirements to reduce individual award amounts of scholarships and grants; to amend Code Section 50-27-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to disposition of lottery proceeds, budget report by the Governor, appropriations by the General Assembly, and the shortfall

reserve subaccount, so as to revise certain provisions relating to shortfall reserve subaccounts for HOPE scholarships and grants; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Higher Education Committee.

SB 515. By Senators Moody of the 56th, Weber of the 40th, Douglas of the 17th, Starr of the 44th and Thomas of the 54th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to expand the grades of eligibility for the remedial education program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Education and Youth Committee.

SB 516. By Senators Pearson of the 51st, Balfour of the 9th, Seabaugh of the 28th, Wiles of the 37th and Rogers of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 12 of the O.C.G.A., relating to conservation and natural resources, so as to provide that local governments shall not be denied state funding or water withdrawal permits because of failure to adopt stricter than minimum standards for certain stream or reservoir buffers; to change certain provisions relating to minimum standards and procedures for protection of river corridors, streams, and reservoirs; to change certain provisions relating to model ordinances for effective storm-water management in the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and for a district-wide watershed management plan, annual review, public meetings, certification by director, and local compliance; to change certain provisions relating to best management practices regarding land-disturbing activities; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

SB 517. By Senators Stephens of the 27th and Wiles of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration of voters, so as to require the Secretary of State annually to compare the electors list with certain

federal data bases to ensure the accuracy of the electors list; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

SB 518. By Senators Unterman of the 45th and Cagle of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Buford Visitors Bureau Authority as a public body corporate and politic, a political subdivision of the state, and a public corporation to have the responsibility and authority to promote tourism, conventions, and trade shows in City of Buford, Georgia; to provide for the creation and organization of the authority; to provide for the appointment of the directors of the authority and their terms of office, compensation, and qualifications; to provide for meetings; to provide for legislative findings and declaration of purpose; to provide for general powers; to provide for regulations; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing and relative to the general purposes of this Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 519. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Suwanee Gateway Visitors Bureau Authority as a public body corporate and politic, a political subdivision of the state, and a public corporation to have the responsibility and authority to promote tourism, conventions, and trade shows in City of Suwanee, Georgia; to provide for the creation and organization of the authority; to provide for the appointment of the directors of the authority and their terms of office, compensation, and qualifications; to provide for meetings; to provide for legislative findings and declaration of purpose; to provide for general powers; to provide for regulations; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing and relative to the general purposes of this Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

SB 520. By Senators Johnson of the 1st, Kemp of the 46th, Douglas of the 17th and Hill of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia State Patrol, so as to authorize the Board of Public Safety to provide a badge and revolver to

sworn officers as compensation under certain circumstances; to authorize the commissioner to provide certain uniforms and equipment to all sworn members of the Department of Public Safety; to change certain provisions relating to the provision of uniforms and equipment to members of the Uniform Division and the retention of weapons and badges upon retirement of certain members; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

SR 801. By Senators Brown of the 26th, Butler of the 55th, Stoner of the 6th, Adelman of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to protect lottery proceeds so they may be reserved only for tuition grants, scholarships, or loans to enable citizens of this state to attend colleges and universities within this state, voluntary pre-kindergarten, and educational shortfall reserves; to require the expenditure of shortfall reserves before reducing tuition grant and scholarship amounts; and to require legislative approval and approval of the qualified electors of this state prior to reducing tuition grant and scholarship amounts; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Higher Education Committee.

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

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Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

HB 692. By Representatives Black of the 174th, Hatfield of the 177th, Greene of the 149th, Sims of the 169th, Shaw of the 176th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the state-wide probation system, so as to change certain provisions relating to terms and conditions of

probation; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 1042. By Representatives Williams of the 4th, Dickson of the 6th and Forster of the 3rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual accounting periods, so as to provide for treatment of 52-53 week taxable years; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner; to provide for applicability; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1052. By Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Rice of the 51st and Beasley-Teague of the 65th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, so as to provide for a distinguishable transporter license plate; to amend Chapter 47 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to used motor vehicle and used motor vehicle parts dealers, so as to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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HB 1059. By Representatives Keen of the 179th, Ralston of the 7th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Freeman of the 140th, Thomas of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 16, 17, 35, and 42 of the O.C.G.A., relating respectively to crimes and offenses, criminal procedure, law enforcement officers and agencies, and penal institutions, so as to change provisions relating to sexual offenders; to change punishment provisions, registration requirements, and areas where certain offenders can reside as it affects sexual offenders; to change certain provisions relating to punishment of serious violent offenders and increase the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for certain offenses; to require persons convicted of certain sexual crimes to receive a mandatory split sentence including a minimum sentence of imprisonment; to reorganize and change provisions related to the

State Sexual Offender Registry; to provide for other related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 1080. By Representatives Golick of the 34th, Roberts of the 154th, Geisinger of the 48th, Freeman of the 140th, Chambers of the 81st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of income tax, so as to provide for an income tax credit with respect to qualified child and dependent care expenses; to provide for conditions and limitations; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state revenue commissioner with respect to the foregoing; to provide an effective date; to provide for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1142. By Representative Greene of the 149th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide for the filling of vacancies in the office of sheriff of Seminole County; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

HB 1143. By Representative Porter of the 143rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reconstituting the board of education of the City of Dublin, approved April 5, 1993 (Ga. L. 1993, p. 4970), as amended, so as to provide certain additional authority to the board with respect to real estate transactions; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations (General) Committee.

HB 1155. By Representative Sims of the 169th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Education of Coffee County, approved March 10, 1970 (Ga. L. 1970, p. 2441), as amended, so as to provide for the selection of a chairperson and vice chairperson; to provide that such chairperson and vice chairperson shall serve

terms of one year; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations Committee.

The following committee reports were read by the Secretary:

Mr. President:

The Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 999	Do Pass
SB 441	Do Pass
SB 447	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Bulloch of the 11th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The Rules Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 713	Do Pass
SR 764	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Balfour of the 9th District, Chairman

Mr. President:

The State and Local Governmental Operations Committee has had under consideration the following legislation and has instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the following recommendation:

HB 1068	Do Pass as amended
SB 470	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Wiles of the 37th District, Chairman

The following legislation was read the second time:

HB 804	SB 373	SB 400	SB 465	SB 467	SR 718
HR 1041	SB 381	SB 453	SB 466	SR 639	SR 737

Senator Seay of the 34th asked unanimous consent that Senator Reed of the 35th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Reed was excused.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Brown	Hill,Jack	Shafer,D
Bulloch	Hill,Judson	Smith
Butler	Hudgens	Starr
Cagle	Johnson	Staton
Carter	Jones	Stephens
Chance	Kemp	Stoner
Chapman	Me V Bremen	Tarver
Douglas	Miles	Tate
Goggans	Moody	Thomas,D
Golden	Mullis	Thomas,R
Grant	Pearson	Thompson,S
Hamrick	Powell	Unterman
Harbison	Schaefer	Whitehead
Harp	Seabaugh	Wiles
Heath	Seay	Zamarripa
Henson		

Not answering were Senators:

Adelman (Excused)	Balfour (Excused)	Fort
Hooks (Excused)	Reed (Excused)	Rogers
Thompson, C (Excused)	Tolleson	Weber
Williams		

Senator Fort was off the floor of the Senate when the roll was called and wished to be recorded as present.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Senator Heath of the 31st introduced the chaplain of the day, Pastor Joseph Ringwalt of Cartersville, Georgia, who offered scripture reading and prayer.

Senator Hill of the 32nd introduced the doctor of the day, Dr. Stephen Pitts.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

SR 794. By Senator Goggans of the 7th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mr. Greg Walker for winning the 2005 World Series as Hitting Coach for the Chicago White Sox; and for other purposes.

SR 795. By Senator Schaefer of the 50th:

A RESOLUTION commending Mrs. India Mae "Banksie" Wilbanks; and for other purposes.

SR 796. By Senators Tarver of the 22nd, Powell of the 23rd, Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th, Douglas of the 17th and Starr of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Rich Jadick; and for other purposes.

SR 797. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Unterman of the 45th, Williams of the 19th, Thomas of the 54th, Smith of the 52nd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Children's Advocacy Centers in Georgia and recognizing Tuesday, February 7, 2006, as Children's Advocacy Centers Day at the Capitol; and for other purposes.

SR 798. By Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Sconyers Bar-B-Que; and for other purposes.

SR 799. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Fort of the 39th and Reed of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION commending Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes

SR 800. By Senator Meyer von Bremen of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION to commend the Georgia High School/High Tech students; and for other purposes.

SR 802. By Senators Seay of the 34th and Starr of the 44th:

A RESOLUTION commending the class of Leadership Clayton 2006; and for other purposes.

SR 803. By Senators Hill of the 32nd, Thomas of the 54th, Unterman of the 45th, Goggans of the 7th, Grant of the 25th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the Rally Foundation, benefiting childhood cancer research, and its key leadership and supporters: Wrigley Company, Mizuno USA, Aflac, Tom Glavine, and Leader Enterprises; and for other purposes.

Senator Wiles of the 37th asked unanimous consent that the bills on today's Senate Local Consent Calendar be voted on individually.

The consent was granted, and the Senate agreed to vote on the bills on today's Senate Local Calendar individually.

The following local, uncontested legislation, favorably reported by the committee as listed on the Local Consent Calendar, was put upon its passage:

SENATE LOCAL CONSENT CALENDAR

Friday, February 3, 2006

Thirteenth Legislative Day

(The names listed are the Senators whose districts are affected by the legislation.)

SB 470 Stoner of the 6th
 Rogers of the 21st
 Hill of the 32nd
 Thompson of the 33rd
 Wiles of the 37th
COBB COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Cobb County, approved March 26, 1964 (Ga. L. 1964, p. 3211), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 6, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3872), so as to change the compensation of the solicitor-general; to change the provisions relating to the compensation of assistant solicitors; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the local legislation as reported, was agreed to.

On the passage of the legislation, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
E Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Starr
Y Brown	E Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Stephens
Y Butler	Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Carter	Y Kemp	Y Tate
Y Chance	Me V Bremen	Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	Y Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Moody	Y Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Tolleson
Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	Y Seay	Y Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the local legislation, the yeas were 44, nays 0.

SB 470, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Senator Mullis of the 53rd asked unanimous consent that Senator Thomas of the 54th be excused. The consent was granted, and Senator Thomas was excused.

HB 1068 Stoner of the 6th
 Rogers of the 21st
 Hill of the 32nd
 Thompson of the 33rd
 Wiles of the 37th
COBB COUNTY

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act providing for the election of members of the Board of Education of Cobb County, approved March 28, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3516), as amended, so as to provide for procedures relating to the establishment or revision of

school attendance zones; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
(AMENDMENT)

The amendment to the following bill was put upon its adoption:

*HB 1068:

The Senate State and Local Governmental Operations Committee offered the following amendment:

Amend HB 1068 (LC 33 1075) by striking lines 20 through 22 of page 1.

By striking line 25 of page 1 through line 2 of page 2 and inserting in lieu thereof:

(A) The board shall be required, to the greatest extent possible, to:

- (1) Maintain efficient and effective school sizes;
- (2) Use existing school facilities efficiently;
- (3) Equalize student enrollment and capacity ratios;
- (4) Consider safety of students traveling to and from schools;
- (5) Minimize the time and distance between home and school; and
- (6) Support efficient and direct feeder patterns, when possible.

These factors shall be given priority over any other criteria;

(B)(1) No student shall be assigned or compelled to attend any school on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, or for the purpose of achieving equality in attendance or increased or reduced attendance at any school of persons of one or more particular race, creed, color, or national origin as may be evidenced by ethnic diversity charts or maps indicating race of students, unless otherwise ordered by a federal court or allowed by federal law based on a compelling interest.

(2) No attendance zone shall be established or revised on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, or for the purpose of achieving equality in attendance or increased or reduced attendance at any school of persons of one or more particular race, creed, color, or national origin as may be evidenced by ethnic diversity charts or maps indicating race of students, unless otherwise ordered by a federal court or allowed by federal law based on a compelling interest; and

By striking "(B)" on line 3 of page 2 and inserting in lieu thereof "(C)".

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 31, nays 14, and the committee amendment was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill as amended, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bills on the Local Consent Calendar, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
E Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Starr
N Brown	E Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Stephens
N Butler	Johnson	N Stoner
Y Cagle	N Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	N Tate
Y Chance	Me V Bremen	E Thomas,D
Y Chapman	N Miles	Y Thomas,R
Douglas	Moody	N Thompson,C
N Fort	Y Mullis	N Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Tolleson
Y Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	N Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
N Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	N Seay	N Zamarripa
N Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the local bill, the yeas were 31, nays 14.

HB 1068, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following communications were received by the Secretary:

Senator Regina Thomas
District 2
313-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, GA 30334

Committees:
State Institutions and Property
Appropriations
Education and Youth
Regulated Industries and Utilities
Reapportionment and Redistricting

The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: Secretary of the Senate

From: Senator Regina Thomas

Date: February 3, 2006

Ref: HB 1068

Please change my yes vote to a no vote on HB 1068. I inadvertently pushed the wrong button.

My intention was to vote NO on HB 1068.

Thank you,

/s/ Regina Thomas

Senator Ed Tarver
District 22
313-B Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Atlanta, GA 30334

Committees:

Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Interstate Cooperation
State Institutions and Property
Veterans and Military Affairs

The State Senate
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

To: Secretary of the Senate

From: Senator Ed Tarver

Date: February 3, 2006

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Please change my yes vote to a no vote on HB 1068. I inadvertently pushed the wrong button.

My intention was to vote NO on HB 1068.

Thank you,

/s/ Ed Tarver

NOTICE OF MOTION TO RECONSIDER:

SR 655 CA: Lottery Funds; reserved for HOPE Scholarship Program; tuition grants; loans; citizens to attend colleges/universities within state (H ED-13th)(ENGROSSED)

SENATE RULES CALENDAR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2006
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 391 Urban Redevelopment Law; provide moratorium upon the exercise of power of eminent domain; exceptions (JUDY-3rd)

SB 79 Education; local boards; additional elective courses; provide state funding (Substitute)(ED&Y-19th)

SB 409 Elections; require courts to determine contested elections/primaries on expedited basis (ETHICS-30th)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Balfour of the 9th, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

The following legislation was read the third time and put upon its passage:

SB 391. By Senators Chapman of the 3rd, Heath of the 31st, Hill of the 32nd, Reed of the 35th, Staton of the 18th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 61 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Urban Redevelopment Law," so as to provide for a moratorium upon the exercise of the power of eminent domain for purposes of urban development; to provide for exceptions; to provide a statement of legislative findings and a statement of intent; to provide for conflicts and construction; to provide for severability; to provide for applicability; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senators Reed of the 35th and Chapman of the 3rd offered the following amendment:

Amend the SB 391 (LC 33 1058) by inserting after "structures" on line 7 of page 2:
the creation, expansion, or maintenance of government owned utilities or federally mandated projects,

By inserting after "control" on line 10 of page 2:

with the exception of those powers necessary for governments specifically exempted in subsection (a) of this Code section

By striking "condemnations" on line 12 of page 2 and inserting in its place:

condemnation actions brought pursuant to this chapter

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 38, nays 0, and the Reed, Chapman amendment was adopted.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
E Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	E Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
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Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	Y Seay	Y Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 52, nays 0.

SB 391, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

SB 79. By Senators Williams of the 19th, Pearson of the 51st, Rogers of the 21st, Goggans of the 7th, Heath of the 31st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to provide expressly that local boards of education are authorized to provide additional elective courses for students in specified grades; to provide for state funding of such additional elective courses; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate Education and Youth Committee offered the following substitute to SB 79:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum for elementary and secondary students under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to provide for the offering of state funded high school courses in the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era and the History and Literature of the New Testament Era; to provide for the adoption of the curricula for such courses by the State Board of Education; to provide for the topics of instruction, reading materials, and methods of teaching in such courses; to provide for certain matters relating to the employment and assignment of teachers of such courses; to provide for the granting of academic credit for the successful completion of such courses; to provide for the monitoring of the content and teaching of such courses; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum for elementary and secondary students under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-148.

(a) All public schools with grade nine or above may make available to eligible students in grades nine through 12 an elective course in the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era and an elective course in the History and Literature of the New Testament Era. The purpose of such courses shall be to accommodate the rights and desires of those teachers and students who wish to teach and study the Old and New

Testaments and to familiarize students with the contents of the Old and New Testaments, the history recorded by the Old and New Testaments, the literary style and structure of the Old and New Testaments, the customs and cultures of the peoples and societies recorded in the Old and New Testaments, and the influence of the Old and New Testaments upon law, history, government, literature, art, music, customs, morals, values, and culture.

(b)(1) No later than February 1, 2007, the State Board of Education shall adopt a curriculum for each course, including objectives, reading materials, and lesson plans, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

(2) The topics to be included in the course in the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era may include the historical background and events of the period; the history of the Kingdom of Israel; the poetry of the Old Testament; the influence of Old Testament history and literature on subsequent art, music, literature, law, and events, including recent and current events in the Middle East. The topics to be included in the course in the History and Literature of the New Testament Era may include the historical background and events of the period; the life of Jesus of Nazareth; the parables of Jesus; the life and travels of Paul; and the influence of New Testament history and literature on subsequent art, music, literature, law, and events.

(3) The book or collection of books commonly known as the Old Testament shall be the basic text for the course in the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era, and the book or collection of books commonly known as the New Testament shall be the basic text for the course in the History and Literature of the New Testament Era. In addition, students may be assigned a range of reading materials for the courses, including selections from secular historical and cultural works and selections from other religious and cultural traditions. The courses shall familiarize students with the customs and cultures of the times and places referred to in the Old and New Testaments. The courses shall familiarize the students with the methods and tools of writing at the times the Old and New Testament books were written, the means by which they were preserved, the languages in which they were written and into which they were translated, and the historical and cultural events which led to the translation of the Old and New Testaments into the English language. The local board of education may determine which version of the Old or New Testament shall be used as the main text or, if the local board of education does not do so, that determination may be made by the teacher of the course. No student shall be required to use one version as the sole text of the Old or New Testament. If a student desires to use as the basic text a different version of the Old or New Testament from that chosen by the local board of education or teacher, he or she shall be permitted to do so.

(4) The courses provided for in this Code section shall:

(A) Be taught in an objective and nondevotional manner with no attempt made to indoctrinate the students as to either the truth or falsity of the biblical materials or as to the correct interpretation thereof;

(B) Not include teaching of religious doctrine or sectarian interpretation of the Bible; and

- (C) Not disparage or encourage a commitment to a set of religious beliefs.
- (c) The provisions of this chapter relating to personnel employed by local units of administration, including without limitation certification requirements, employment, and supervision, shall apply to persons who teach the courses provided for in this Code section. In addition, no person shall be assigned to teach such courses based in whole or in part on any religious test, profession of faith or lack thereof, prior or present religious affiliation or lack of affiliation, or criteria involving particular beliefs or lack thereof about the Bible. Except for these requirements, the qualifications and training of teachers shall be determined by the local boards of education.
- (d) On and after July 1, 2007, for the purpose of earning Carnegie unit curriculum credits at the high school level, satisfactory completion of the course in the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era shall be accepted by the State Board of Education for one-half unit of elective credit, and satisfactory completion of the course in the History and Literature of the New Testament Era shall be accepted by the State Board of Education for one-half unit of elective credit; provided, however, that such courses are taught in strict compliance with the requirements of this Code section.
- (e) A local board of education may make such arrangements for monitoring the content and teaching of the course in the History and Literature of the Old Testament Era and the course in the History and Literature of the New Testament Era as it deems appropriate.
- (f) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to limit the authority of a local board of education to offer courses regarding the Old Testament or the New Testament that are not in compliance with this Code section; provided, however, that no state funds distributed pursuant to this article shall be expended in connection with such a course that does not meet the requirements of this Code section.
- (g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to prohibit local boards of education from offering elective courses based upon the books of other religions or societies. In determining whether to offer such courses, the local board may consider various factors including, but not limited to, student and parent demand for such courses and the impact such books have had upon history and culture."

SECTION 2.

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senator Williams of the 19th moved the previous question.

There were no objections and the previous question was ordered.

Senators Golden of the 8th, Stoner of the 6th and Reed of the 35th offered the following amendment #1:

Amend the Senate Education and Youth Committee substitute to SB 79 (LC 33 1196-ERS) by striking line 1 of page 1 through line 2 of page 4 and inserting in lieu thereof:

To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum for elementary and secondary students under the "Quality Basic Education Act," so as to authorize the State Board of Education to develop and adopt a curriculum for a state funded elective course consisting of a nonsectarian, nonreligious academic study of the Bible and its influence on literature, art, music, culture, and politics; to provide for implementation by a local board of education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum for elementary and secondary students under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended by adding at the end thereof a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-148.

(a) The State Board of Education is authorized to approve a curriculum for an elective state funded course consisting of a nonsectarian, nonreligious academic study of the Bible and its influence on literature, art, music, culture, and politics. The curriculum and associated textbook shall meet academic rigor and standards of the State Board of Education in the same manner as required for approval of any other elective course and textbook approved by the state board and shall meet the requirements of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Georgia. The course provided for in this Code section shall:

- (1) Be taught in an objective and nondevotional manner with no attempt made to indoctrinate students as to either the truth or falsity of the biblical materials or texts from other religious or cultural traditions;
- (2) Not include teaching of religious doctrine or sectarian interpretation of the Bible or of texts from other religious or cultural traditions; and
- (3) Not disparage or encourage a commitment to a set of religious beliefs.

(b) A local board of education that elects to offer a course and utilize an associated textbook approved in accordance with subsection (a) of this Code section shall implement such course in accordance with the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Georgia, including the manner in which the course is taught in the classroom and the assignment by the local board of education of the individual teaching the course. The individual assigned to teach the course shall meet all certification requirements and all other provisions of this chapter relating to personnel employed by

local units of administration. In addition, no person shall be assigned to teach such course based in whole or in part on any religious test, profession of faith or lack of faith, prior or present religious affiliation or lack of affiliation, or criteria involving particular beliefs or lack of beliefs about the Bible."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

Senators Smith of the 52nd and Seabaugh of the 28th offered the following amendment #1a:

Amend amendment 1 to the Committee substitute to SB 79 by deleting page 1, line 1 through p. 1 line 25 and by deleting page 2, line 1 through page 2 line 13, and by inserting the language contained in page 1, lines 26 through 31 into, and in lieu of the Committee sub language found at page 3, lines 1-6, and by re-numbering or re-lettering appropriately.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 44, nays 0, and the Smith, Seabaugh amendment #1a was adopted.

On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas were 46, nays 0, and the Golden et al. amendment #1 to the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

On the adoption of the substitute, the yeas were 48, nays 0, and the committee substitute was adopted as amended.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute, was agreed to as amended.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
E Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	E Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	Y Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	E Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	N Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Moody	Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson

Y Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Y Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles
Y Harp	Y Seabaugh	Y Williams
Y Heath	Y Seay	Y Zamarripa
Y Henson	Y Shafer,D	

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 50, nays 1.

SB 79, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

SB 409. By Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Smith of the 52nd and Wiles of the 37th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 13 of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contested elections and primaries, so as to require that the courts determine contested elections and primaries on an expedited basis; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill, was agreed to.

On the passage of the bill, a roll call was taken, and the vote was as follows:

E Adelman	Y Hill,Jack	Y Smith
E Balfour	Y Hill,Judson	Y Starr
Y Brown	E Hooks	Y Staton
Y Bulloch	Y Hudgens	Y Stephens
Y Butler	Y Johnson	Y Stoner
Y Cagle	Y Jones	Y Tarver
Y Carter	Y Kemp	Y Tate
Y Chance	Y Me V Bremen	E Thomas,D
Y Chapman	Y Miles	N Thomas,R
Y Douglas	Y Moody	Thompson,C
Y Fort	Y Mullis	Y Thompson,S
Y Goggans	Y Pearson	Y Tolleson
Y Golden	Y Powell	Y Unterman
Y Grant	Reed	Y Weber
Y Hamrick	Y Rogers	Y Whitehead
Y Harbison	Y Schaefer	Y Wiles

Y Harp
Y Heath
Y Henson

Y Seabaugh
Y Seay
Y Shafer,D

Y Williams
Y Zamarripa

On the passage of the bill, the yeas were 49, nays 1.

SB 409, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

SR 806. By Senators Williams of the 19th, Johnson of the 1st, Seabaugh of the 28th and Brown of the 26th:

A RESOLUTION

Relative to adjournment; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that, unless otherwise provided by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, the meeting dates and dates of adjournment for the 2006 regular session of the General Assembly for the period of February 3, 2006, through February 13, 2006, shall be as follows:

Friday, February 3.....in session for legislative day 13
Saturday, February 4.....in adjournment
Sunday, February 5in adjournment
Monday, February 6.....in session for legislative day 14
Tuesday, February 7.....in adjournment
Wednesday, February 8.....in session for legislative day 15
Thursday, February 9in session for legislative day 16
Friday, February 10.....in adjournment
Saturday, February 11in adjournment
Sunday, February 12in adjournment
Monday, February 13.....in session for legislative day 17

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on and after February 13, 2006, the periods of adjournment of the 2006 session, if any, shall be as specified by subsequent resolution of the General Assembly, except that for the remainder of the 2006 regular session, unless otherwise provided by subsequent resolution, the General Assembly shall adjourn at the close of the legislative day on each Friday on which the General Assembly is in session and shall reconvene on the following Monday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as authorized by Code Section 28-1-2, the hours for closing and convening the Senate on each day may be as ordered by the Senate; and the hours for closing and convening the House on each day may be as ordered by the House.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Rivers, the Clerk thereof:

Mr. President:

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bill of the House:

HB 1026. By Representatives Richardson of the 19th, Golick of the 34th, Harbin of the 118th, Roberts of the 154th, Keen of the 179th and others:

A BILL to amend an Act providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, known as the "General Appropriations Act," approved May 10, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 1319).

The following House legislation was read the first time and referred to committee:

HB 1026. By Representatives Richardson of the 19th, Golick of the 34th, Harbin of the 118th, Roberts of the 154th, Keen of the 179th and others:

A BILL to amend an Act providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, known as the "General Appropriations Act," approved May 10, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 1319).

Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Senator Williams of the 19th moved that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant to HR 1114 until 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2006; the motion prevailed, and at 11:55 a.m. the President announced the Senate adjourned.